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HOLLINGSWORTH RECOGNIZED AS LEADER IN PUBLIC HEALTH

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NAPLES, FLA. – Kristine Hollingsworth was recognized today by the de Beaumont Foundation as one of the inaugural 40 Under 40 in Public Health. The 40 rising stars of public health were chosen by a panel of judges for their fresh perspectives, creative problem-solving, and innovative health solutions in communities across the country.

“We launched 40 Under 40 to humanize the public health field and show the diversity of the individuals who commit to strengthening the health of our nation’s communities,” said Brian C. Castrucci, DrPH, president and CEO of the de Beaumont Foundation. “Public health is different from healthcare, and by elevating the work and voices of these inspiring leaders, we hope to attract and motivate other professionals to bring creativity and innovation to the future of public health.”

Nominations for 40 Under 40 in Public Health were submitted between November 2018 and February 2019. The nomination pool included job titles ranges from health commissioner and director of health equity to doula and epidemiologist. Each chosen honoree has made significant contributions to their community and the field of public health in their respective areas.

“It is truly an honor to be selected as a 40 Under 40 in Public Health honoree,” says Hollingsworth, Public Information Officer for the Florida Department of Health in Collier County (DOH-Collier). “In joining this prestigious list of public health professionals, I will be able to foster relationships to further my commitment to our community and the field of public health.”

As spokeswoman for DOH-Collier, Hollingsworth and is enthusiastic in speaking with the media to protect, promote, and improve the health of all people in Florida. The communications professional is driven to spread awareness and educate the public on Human Trafficking – an ever-growing issue that affects the community and society at large. Hollingsworth recently utilized \$3,500 in grant funds received from the Florida Department of Health Violence and Injury Prevention Program via the US Department of Health & Human Services Office on Trafficking in Persons to raise awareness, educate the community, and collaborate with outside organizations.

Hollingsworth has been involved in multiple aspects of healthcare for over 15 years including patient care, research, and executive support. She continually thinks “outside the box” and has spearheaded many initiatives at DOH-Collier, including the “Shoo the Flu Challenge,” winning a Prudential Productivity Award in 2017.

Nominees were evaluated by a distinguished panel of professionals from the nonprofit,

business, and higher education sectors on their demonstrated leadership, their contributions to their community's health, and their collaboration with other organizations in public health and other sectors.

For more information about 40 Under 40 in Public Health, including detailed eligibility and selection criteria, visit debeaumont.org/40Under40.

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